

Table 1: List of questions and answers included in the online survey distributed through Google Forms®, and frequency of each response within the sample of 49 respondents

Q	What types of animals does your organisation deal with?		
A	Domestic/companion animals	41	Wildlife
	Both	7	1
Q	How would you describe your organisation?		
A	Small Independent Rehoming centre		13
	Small Independent Rehabilitation centre		2
	Regional Charity Rehoming centre		8
	Regional Charity Rehabilitation centre		1
	National Charity Rehoming centre		8
	National Charity Rehabilitation centre		3
	Other		14
Q	Do you ever treat/house rabbits?		
A	Yes	48	No
			1
Q	Do rabbits undergo any health checks/physical exams, either by a vet or other member of staff, whilst at the site?		
A	Always		40
	Usually		5
	Approx. Half the time		1
	Occasionally		2
	Never		0
Q	Are any methods used to reduce stress whilst handling the rabbits?		
A	Always		29
	Usually		12
	Approx. Half the time		0
	Occasionally		7
	Never		0
Q	Are towels or hoods used to cover rabbits' heads/eyes during handling or examination?		
A	Always		6
	Usually		5
	Approx. Half the time		4
	Occasionally		20
	Never		13
Q	Are towels or hoods used to cover rabbits' heads/eyes during transportation in a vehicle or whilst carrying across the site?		
A	Always		9
	Usually		9
	Approx. Half the time		1
	Occasionally		4
	Never		25

Q	Do you use any other methods to reduce stress in rabbits during transport or examination?			
A	Always			16
	Usually			12
	Approx. Half the time			0
	Occasionally			10
	Never			9
Q	Do you exclusively treat/house rabbits?			
A	Yes	18	No	30
Q	Are towels or hoods used to cover the heads/eyes of species other than rabbits, either during transport or handling?			
A	Always			2
	Usually			5
	Approx. Half the time			0
	Occasionally			13
	Never			11
Q	Please select all animals concerned:			
A	Badger 5	Deer 4	Cat 16	Raptor 6
	Fox 5	Hedgehog 4	Dog 9	Other 7
				Other bird species 9
Q	Do you use any other methods to reduce stress in species other than rabbits during transport or examination?			
A	Always			8
	Usually			8
	Approx. Half the time			1
	Occasionally			10
	Never			4
Q	Please select all animals concerned:			
A	Badger 2	Deer 1	Cat 18	Raptor 2
	Fox 3	Hedgehog 4	Dog 12	Other 4
				Other bird species 6
Q	If you use towels or hoods to cover the head/eyes of any species, please give the main reasons for use :			
A	To immobilise the animal			9
	To reduce stress in the animal			35
	To prevent injury to staff			14
	Other			3
	Towels and hoods aren't used			11
Q	If you don't use towels or hoods to cover the head/eyes, why is this?			
A	Unnecessary / not needed			19
	Other methods are used			10
	Blindfolding deemed ineffective			6
	Other			6
	Towels and hoods are used			19